

A compendium of logarithmic corrections in AdS/CFT

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Goal: Describe recent progress on these topics for 3d SCFTs with AdS_4 duals in M-theory. Focus on $\log N$ corrections.

Plan

- Motivation ✓
- Supersymmetric partition functions
- Log corrections from supergravity
- The unbearable lightness of the KK scale
- Breaking supersymmetry: black holes and thermal observables
- Outlook

Supersymmetric partition functions

[Aharony,Bergman,Jafferis,Maldacena]; [Kapustin,Willet,Yaakov]; [Drukker,Mariño,Putrov]; [Mariño,Putrov];
[Fuji,Hirano,Moriyama]; [Herzog,Klebanov,Pufu,Tesileanu]; [Benini,Zaffaroni]; [Closset,Kim];
[Benini,Hristov,Zaffaroni]; [Liu,Pando Zayas,Rathee,Zhao]; [NPB,Hong,Reys]; [Nosaka]; [Hatsuda]; [Hristov];
[Chester,Kalloor,Sharon]; [Bhattacharya²,Minwalla,Raju]; [Kim]; [Choi,Hwang,Kim]; [Choi,Hwang];
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- In the limit of fixed k and large N , the ABJM theory is dual to the M-theory background $\text{AdS}_4 \times S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$

$$(L/\ell_P)^6 \sim k N.$$

- The path integral on various compact three-manifolds can be computed by supersymmetric localization and reduced to a matrix model. This in turn can be analyzed with various analytic and numerical techniques, particularly in the large N limit.

ABJM on S^3 - An Airy Tale

The path integral on a squashed S^3 with real mass deformation can be computed by supersymmetric localization and reduces to a matrix model.

$$Z_{S^3}(N, k, m_a, b) \stackrel{!}{=} e^{\mathcal{A}(k, \Delta, b)} C^{-\frac{1}{3}} \text{Ai}[C^{-\frac{1}{3}}(N - B)] + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{N}}),$$

with fixed k , large N and

$$C = \frac{2}{\pi^2 k} \frac{(b + b^{-1})^{-4}}{\prod_{a=1}^4 \Delta_a}, \quad B = \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{12k} \sum_{a=1}^4 \frac{1}{\Delta_a} + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_a \Delta_a^2}{3k(b + b^{-1})^2 \prod_{a=1}^4 \Delta_a},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, & \Delta_2 &= \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{m_1 - m_2 - m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, \\ \Delta_3 &= \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{m_1 + m_2 - m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, & \Delta_4 &= \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{m_1 - m_2 + m_3}{b + b^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The large N expansion takes the explicit form

$$-\log Z_{S^3} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{C}} N^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{B}{\sqrt{C}} N^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4} \log N - \mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{32}{k} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{1}{2}}).$$

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The superconformal index (SCI), or $S^1 \times_{\omega} S^2$ partition function, counts $\frac{1}{16}$ -BPS operators in 3d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs. It is useful to consider the Cardy-like limit $\omega \rightarrow 0$. For the ABJM theory at fixed k and large N one finds

$$F_{S^1 \times_{\omega} S^2}(\omega) = h_{\frac{3}{2}}(\omega) N^{\frac{3}{2}} + h_{\frac{1}{2}}(\omega) N^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \log N + \dots$$

The SCI captures the entropy of supersymmetric AdS_4 Kerr-Newman black holes.

Log corrections from supergravity

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Here: Log corrections in AdS_4 , i.e. $\log \frac{L^2}{G_N}$ with $L^2 \gg G_N$.

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The coefficient of $\log N$ does NOT depend on continuous parameters!

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Subtlety: It is in general hard to compute \mathcal{C}_{ZM} . Rigorous results only for AdS₄ and AdS₂ \times Σ_g .

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Important: For $s = 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2$ massless fields need ghosts, while massive fields need Stückelberg “friends”.

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	$(n-2, 1, 0, 1)_{n \geq 2}$	$7/2 + n/2$
	$(n-2, 0, 0, 1)_{n \geq 2}$	$9/2 + n/2$
0 ₊	$(n+2, 0, 0, 0)_{n \geq 0}$	$1 + n/2$
	$(n-2, 2, 0, 0)_{n \geq 2}$	$3 + n/2$
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Massive $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supermultiplets at KK level n .

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Unclear how to regulate this sum. If we take $\sigma = -1/3$ we find

$$\boxed{\mathcal{C}(\partial\mathcal{M}) = -\frac{1}{4}\chi(\mathcal{M})}.$$

Perfect agreement with all susy localization results in the ABJM theory!

Similar results for a number of other AdS_4 vacua in M-theory with explicitly known KK spectra.

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where F_0 contains all positive powers of N .

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$$\langle \mathcal{T}^{00} \rangle = \frac{2}{3} \frac{b_{\mathcal{T}}}{\beta^3}, \quad F_{S_\beta^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2} = \frac{f_{\mathcal{T}}}{\beta^3}, \quad 3f_{\mathcal{T}} = b_{\mathcal{T}}.$$

To compute $f_{\mathcal{T}}$ in the bulk use the “AdS soliton”. For the ABJM theory we find

$$b_{\mathcal{T}} = -\frac{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2k}}{27} N^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{\pi^2 (k^2 - 16)}{27\sqrt{2k}} N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 0 \times \log N \dots$$

Somewhat surprisingly we find that to this order at large N $b_{\mathcal{T}} = -\frac{\pi^3}{72} C_{\mathcal{T}}!$

Summary

- Presented exact results for the large N limit of the partition function of the ABJM theory on S^3 , $S^1 \times \Sigma_g$, and $S^1 \times_{\omega} S^2$ focusing on the $\log N$ contribution.
- Discussed how these log terms can be reproduced by supergravity and string/M-theory via AdS/CFT.
- Important for understanding the entropy of supersymmetric AdS_4 Reissner-Nordström and Kerr-Newman black holes.
- New constraints on gravity + EFTs in AdS?
- Application of these results to non-supersymmetric black hole thermodynamics and CFT thermal observables.

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Some open questions

- A better understanding of the simplicity and universality of the logarithmic corrections?
- Derivation from (or lessons for) type IIA string theory and M-theory?
- OSV-type conjecture for AdS black holes?
- Application of the “unbearable lightness” constraint to candidate scale separated AdS_4 vacua?

